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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: NO extension to QLD State of Emergency
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Dear Committee members ,

I very strongly object to ANY extension of the Emergency Bill currently tabled in Queensland Parliament. I believe there is NO justifiable reason for the SOE to be further extended, particularly given Omicron has an extremely low death rate compared to the delta/alpha variants.

These mandates are affecting Queenslanders negatively and continue unnecessarily placing unprecedented amounts of pressure and stress on individuals and families through lost jobs, and on the healthcare system as thousands of healthcare staff have been suspended or terminated. Both myself and my wife have faced job losses as Education Queensland employees. Despite being healthy, willing and able to return to the classroom, the mandates, empowered by the unnecessary SOE, mean we are not permitted. Our two children return home several times a week telling us of "collapsed" classes, because there are not enough teachers. Yet here we sit, qualified, healthy teachers, ready to work, ready to continue as veterans of 22 years with the Education Department. DENIED.

According to the Government's own modeling, the peak has now passed, and given many Queenslanders have now had COVID-19, and therefore have natural immunity, any extension of the Emergency Bill would be extremely detrimental to Queenslanders moving forward.

The potential for continued medical discrimination via these emergency powers is UNACCEPTABLE in any democratic society.

The original Emergency Bill was granted based on a death rate from the Alpha and Delta variants.

The case numbers have indicated that the original modelling was substantially overinflated. This has been further confirmed by the latest ABS data.

The extension of powers is based on COVID deaths in Queensland and COVID numbers. The health data is now showing the exaggeration of such data.

Current estimates indicate that Omicron deaths are only a very small fraction of those adjusted numbers. Any extension is NOT warranted and should NOT be granted.

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF QUEENSLAND PEOPLE. We have suffered enough because of these powers. There is no emergency anymore. It has passed. We, the people, need our jobs back. We have bills to pay and families to feed. Please don't allow this power grab and continuing discrimination by our politicians to continue any longer. We are suffering. It must end now.

Thank you for your consideration.

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